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HONGKONG, MAY 16TH, 1905.

First France, now China. If Russia cared so little for the prestige of her ally as to continue to compromise her in the eyes of the Powers, long after being asked to go away, what consideration can ROZHDZESTVENSKY be expected to show to China, whose neutrality has all along contemptuously been set at naught? There is no indication of a determination to make the dash for Vladivostok, for which the Russian admiral has been bowing to premature applause; and if this dawdling about hails, as we hope it may fail, to induce any change in the Japanese tactics, it means that China will be the next neutral power to have its honesty impugned. Some Chinese harbour will be the next calling place for the Baltic Armada; and China will in all probability find herself once more playing the rôle of international shuttlecock to which she is unhappily accustomed. Just as France was not ready to enforce her neutrality in Indo-China, assuming she wished to do so, so it would be ridiculous to suppose that China could make any demonstration against the Russians that would not make them laugh. Unless, perhaps, the Chinese Government had the wit to mobilise a fleet of fishing boats. Yet both England and America have solemnly warned China against the permission of any breaches of neutrality. We could not have expected, when writing of the impotence of international law some months ago, that so aptly illustrative a situation could arise to demonstrate the eternal indispensability of force majeure. The Cantonese Viceroy's pathetic appeals for more battle ships could not be granted. He was advised to have men about him "well up in diplomacy," and to do the best he could, a

characteristic sample of Chinese policy. If he had got all he asked for, it would have been a naval flea-bite to ROZHDZESTVENSKY's Armada; and if he has the most cunning diplomats bred in China, he will not easily persuade ROZHDZESTVENSKY to leave safe anchorage at, say, Hainan, once he selects a suitable haven. Having got well out of one serious scrape, the Dogger Bank affair, ROZHDZESTVENSKY seems to be hardened to wrongdoing; or to have gained the idea that he is now a law unto himself. The mischief of it is that the man is right, so long as he commands this huge flotilla of destructive engines, and keeps out of the way of any flotilla of equal or nearly equal strength. It is about time now that the enthusiastic folk who saw great glory in his leisurely picnic trip from Madagascar, to take back some of their flatteries. At first, it might be strategy to attempt to entice Togo away from his base; but now that the Japanese patience is as patient as that of a cat at a mouse-hole, and hope in that direction must be abandoned, his dillydallying is very unstrategic, and begins to look unbecomingly like what the schools call "funk." For while Togo can afford to wait, ROZHDZESTVENSKY cannot. An Armada on a long cruise is something like a dose of Sennitz: the longer you let it fizzle, the less effective it becomes. So far the Baltic Fleet has been all fizzle, in more senses than one. As to China's neutrality, about which Russia has been one of the loudest-voiced, most vehement complainants, who is going to enforce it? Was all that activity on the British China Station a concomitant of our warning to China? Are we going to help China to do right, as well as tell her to? There are many who think our manifest duty lies somewhere in such a direction; and we could well do for China what etiquette forbade us to do for France. Individual Chinese may be confidently counted upon to more than emulate the individual French colonists who hungered after roubles. So far as sentiment goes, China inclines neither to Russia nor Japan. They are for her the devil and the deep sea; and her choice will always be dictated by the consideration whether Scylla or Charybdis happens to be the lesser evil. But when ROZHDZESTVENSKY moves on to Hainan or some Chinese harbour further north, China will not have even a Hobson's choice. The Russians who, in response to French official entreaties, acted up to the letter but not to the spirit of their obligations, will not stand on ceremony with the Chinese. There is the possibility that the Japanese will "split the difference," and go as far as Hainan to give battle, in case ROZHDZESTVENSKY goes there; but it would be unfair of neutrals to ask so much. Who, then, will chivy the trespassers away from that Chinese island, when, as has several times been anticipated, they turn up there?

Last week's plague return has seventeen cases, twelve of which were fatal. Since, there have been four, making the season's total sixty, with 53 deaths. Other diseases reported insignificant.

Upwards of twenty petty larceny cases were tried before the Magistrate, at the Police Court yesterday, and in most of the cases sentences ranging from fifteen days to six weeks with six hours' stocks were passed.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 14th May, 1905, were 287 non-Chinese, and 15 Chinese to the former, and 98 non-Chinese, and 1,187 Chinese to the latter institution.

Russian papers report that about fifty Japanese soldiers, who, as prisoners of war, were confined in the village of Medved, in the Government of Norgorod, committed suicide, some by performing harakiri and others by poisoning themselves with arsenic.

Mr. Davidson, timekeeper at the Quarry Bay shipyard, charged two coolies before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday with breaking into the shipyard store and stealing sundry articles therefrom. They were convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

The weekly topics writer of the *Singapore Free Press* expresses well a thought with which many have been impressed in the last few years. He says:—Nihilism [Nihilogot] has passed—at last. He is the postscript, the happy third thought of the Russian Admiralty. The arena gates are closed, gladiators have merited in front of Caesar's box and have shouted their "morituri te salutant." And now the world awaits with pent breath the "hoc habet" as the short sword beats home or the trident of the retainer stabs the entangled victim. The circenses of those old Roman days were glancing gratifications to a populace that wallowed delightedly in "bing" and lots of it. Are we so much the better ourselves in these modern times? We have widened our Colosseum limits to those of the wide world itself. And there are seats on the oval tiers of benches for all who read the telegrams, or thrill over the kodak snap-shots from the seat of war in the picture papers.

The Shanghai Stock Exchange subscribed \$150 for a coolie who showed lousian at a fire, and who got his hands burned.

To the solid British intellect, French newspapers are apt to be a little too effervescent and exhilarating for regular consumption. Local French journals have been diligently studied lately, however, in case they might have something new about the Baltics. Thus there has been discovered the existence of a curious office. A Mr. — is mentioned as being "in charge of the Mission for Studying the Feathers of Ducks." Mais, pourquoi?

The *Singapore Free Press* publishes the following story:—Overheard in Baffles. Distinguished Stranger (with courteous gestulations): "Sir, would you oblige an unfortunate visitor, ignorant of the lingua franca of the country, by asking the 'boy' to bring me a whisky and soda?" S. Singaporean: "With pleasure. Boy, give this gentleman a whisky and soda." Boy: "Yassir!"—We suspect the point of the story to be contained in the answer (not given) to the question: Which man paid?

The cofferdam built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. to enclose the French cruiser *Sully* has been towed safely to her destination by the tug-boats *Robert Cooke* and *Robert K.* The weather throughout the trip was calm, and no trouble was experienced with the pontoon. The trip down occupied three days and sixteen hours, and the *Robert Cooke* completed the return journey in 41 hours, averaging about 13 knots an hour. The *Montcalm* is standing by the *Sully*, and the salvage party under Mr. Jack were ready to begin operations when the pontoon arrived.

The Rev. Father Dr. A. J. Gomes, the vicar of the Church of St. Antonio, Macao, has forwarded a printed copy of the sermon preached by him among the ruins of the S. Paulo on the 4th December last, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone for the reconstruction of this old and historical Church. The pamphlet is very neatly printed in blue and attached to it are views of the present ruins of S. Paulo, those of the plan of the new Church and front, side and interior of same when completed. Donations to the Reconstruction fund can be forwarded to either Dr. A. J. Gomes, Macao, or to Mr. C. J. Gonçalves, 37, Canal Road, Hongkong.

Two natives called at a watchman's residence at Wanchai on Sunday, and asked for the name of the occupier. The watchman gave his name, and asked the men to drink tea. When they had partaken of hospitality, one of the natives seized him by the queue and pulled him to the ground, while the other beat him with an iron bar. Inspector Gould charged the men before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday with assault, and defendants told His Worship that the watchman had struck one of their clannemen. His Worship cautioned the men against taking the law into their own hands, and as a reminder fined them \$10 each, and bound them over in the sum of \$100 each to keep the peace for twelve months.

THE HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS.

NEW COMPANY ACQUIRES THE EXISTING LINE AND THE NEW CONCESSION.

We understand that the Hongkong High Level Tramways Company have agreed to sell their undertaking to a new Company which will also acquire Mr. Finlay Smith's proposed concession and carry out the scheme as projected by him of a new line to the Peak.

The price to be paid to the shareholders of the old Company is \$200 per share payable either in cash or in shares of the new Company at shareholders' option. The new Company will be under the management of Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son, with a Consulting Committee consisting of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson, Mr. C. Ewins and Mr. A. J. Raymond.

The shares of the old Company stood in the brokers' lists on Saturday at \$22½ sellers; yesterday's quotation was \$22½ sales.

LICENSING COURT.

Messrs. F. A. Hazeland (presiding), J. Craig, G. N. Orme and T. H. Hammer, four of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, met at the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon to consider an application for the transfer from W. A. Ward to one H. Slater of an adjacent licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on premises situate at No. 61 Des Voeux Road Central, and known as the "Owl Grill and Oyster Room."

Mr. P. W. Goldring for the applicant, stated that his client had purchased the business from Mr. Ward. His character was certified to by the excellent discharge he had from the United States Navy.

Mr. Hazeland stated that the matter had been referred to the police, and there was no objection on their part to the transfer of the licence. He, therefore, proposed that the application be granted. The proposition was carried unanimously.

LAND SALE.

At the Crown lands sale held at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon Shaukiwan Lot No. 404 was sold to Mr. Wong Lai Sang for Mr. Lo Tuang Yick for \$414, bid \$200 above the upset price. Mr. Fung Wai Chuen through Messrs. Palmer and Turner, bought L.L. No. 1741 for \$1,305, being \$20 above the upset price.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

LONDON, 13th May.

It is stated that France has telegraphed to the Minister at Tokyo for full information of the arrest of M. Bougonin, on a charge of espionage, and unless the Japanese supply strong presumptive evidence of his guilt, the Minister is to lodge a strong protest. M. Delcassé yesterday received Dr. Motono at a half hour interview.

FRENCH NEUTRALITY.

LONDON, 13th May.

It is declared by the St. Petersburg Foreign Office, that the neutrality situation is unchanged, France not having taken any official step since the transmission of the former Japanese protest. The belief continues, that in spite of the absence of a formal declaration, France will not modify the regulations, which [would be] regarded not only as an unfriendly but a hostile act; on all hands the right of Russian ships to coal and provision is firmly insisted upon.

BALTIC NOTES.

LATEST MOVEMENTS.

Though according to an official statement published in Paris, the Baltic Fleet left the territorial waters of Indo-China on the 9th inst. we learn that the most rigid censorship continues to be exercised in Indo-China over telegrams handed in for despatch. Code messages appear to be subject to considerable delay and anything in the nature of news of the Russian fleet is suppressed by the censor. For reliable news, therefore, we have to wait the arrival here of ships coming from the south. Yesterday news was brought that about 14 battleships and cruisers were sighted in Honkoku Bay on the 12th inst. The Third Baltic Fleet passed Pulo Condore on the 9th inst. and is supposed to be coaling and victualling either at Camranh or Honkoku Bay. Last week upwards of forty colliers and transports were at Saigon loading coals and provisions for the Baltic Fleet.

It is calculated that it will take the Third Baltic Fleet ten days to be ready to proceed on its northward voyage. Coaling at sea appears to be an exceedingly slow business with the Russian fleet, for we learn that the rate at which coal was recently bunkered on Admiral Rozhdzestvensky's big ships was between 150 and 200 tons a day. In this connection it may be mentioned that the British cruiser *Terrible* has in Hongkong harbour taken on 2,500 tons of coal in 9 hrs 15 min.

WARSHIPS ON THE BORNEO COAST.

Our Sandakan correspondent writes that the American destroyers *Barry* and *Chauncey* arrived at Sandakan on the 4th inst. from the Palawan Islands and left the next day for Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, P.I. The telegraph line has been working badly but on the night of the 9th it was open for an hour and news came through from Labuan that the N. D. S. *Chieny Mai*, from Manila to Labuan had sighted five "battleships" anchored off Mantanani Island, in calm weather, within the three-mile limit. No flag was mentioned but it was thought probable in Sandakan that the "battleships" were a small American squadron consisting possibly of the *Raleigh*, *Barry* and *Chauncey*, and a couple of small gunboats.

WARSHIPS NEAR LABUAN.

Captain Muller of the German steamer *Borneo* which arrived yesterday, states that the Governor of Borneo received information that five battleships were anchored at Gema Island, near Labuan.

NOUVELLES DE INDO-CHINE

The batch of papers to hand from Indo-China, including *L'Avenir du Tonkin*, *L'Indo-Chinoise*, and the *Courrier Saigonais*, are full of indications that Camranh Bay and vicinity is no longer a journalistic eyecore. *L'Avenir's* grandiloquent correspondent, M. Meynard, is reduced to vain repetitions, and to highfalutin discussions of the fishing industry in those parts. M. Meynard is pro-Russian to the finger tips; and regrets that the local Government did so little to help ROZHDZESTVENSKY. Those English can send a navy round the world and wait for nothing, he says. Not so our good friends the Russians. It is strange, he goes on, that we cannot extend hospitality to our friends when it so palpably means life or death to them!

THE ARMADA'S MORALE.

M. Meynard raves about the perfect discipline and love of officers on board the Russian ships. This somewhat conflicts with his own journal's report elsewhere of an incident in which some sailors, whom the steward's mate had refused to serve with drink, threw that unfortunate man down the hold, breaking both his legs. And elsewhere the Russian naval men are described as riotous.

TO ODESSA.

Russian transports in Saigon obtained permission to load sufficient coal to take them back to Odessa. This is a rather curious report by *L'Avenir*.

THE RUSSIAN NETTLE.

In Saigon, according to the *Courrier*, one of the Russians who arrived with some ladies of the demimonde allowed himself to become annoyed by a poor Annamite woman. No provocation is mentioned, but he kicked her in such a way that a serious hemorrhage ensued. Her state was very grave. "Brute!" was the *Courrier's* comment.

The same journal makes it clear that while ROZHDZESTVENSKY left French waters when requested, he continued to loiter about just outside, out of the "neutral zone." This France could not very well prevent. For these Frenchmen who even then continued to help the Russians, the Government was no more responsible than was England for the British arms who supplied the Armada with coal.

FRENCH SERVILITY TO RUSSIANS.
 That some of the French resented Russia's high-handed ways seems evident when the journals used such phrases as these:—"All the world" (meaning the local French world, as a village journal recording a local demise reports sometimes "universal" sorrow) "is outraged at the servility of the local Government."

TELEGRAMS DELAYED.
 M. Henri Maistre, formerly of the *Echo de Chine*, Shanghai, and now for *L'Asie de Tonkin*, went down to the coast, and found difficulty in getting his telegrams through, so busy were the wires.

A NOVELTY INDEED.

The *Calcutta* publishes the following, dated Tokyo, May 11.—Whatever steps the government may take in retaliation for France's unprovoked aid to Russia, the people of Japan are likely to take the matter out of revenge into their own hands, and to boycott French manufacturers. The newspapers of Japan discuss this matter seriously and in many cases such a boycott has already begun. The maintaining of a general boycott against French goods would be a severe blow to the manufacturers of this country, for France has a large trade here, and there are many French houses re-located in the different cities of Japan. French machinery is sold to a considerable extent in Japan, and French fancy goods and food products are popular among the richer classes. The extent to which such a boycott would be enforced popularly cannot be estimated. Whether the government itself will bar French importations, it is said, being debated now among the officials. Such an authoritative boycott would be a novelty in these days.

A PROTEST BY JAPAN.

It is stated that the Japanese Consul General has written the Shanghai Tootsi to the following effect:—"It is reported that lately there are certain merchants supplying coal from Shanghai for the Baltic Fleet, and the Baltic Fleet is now near the south of Canton and if there is any supplying of coal to the fleet it is a breach of neutrality, and I hereby ask you to investigate if there is any steamer, either Chinese or Foreign, trying to carry on the above mentioned trade; such steamer should be immediately dealt with so as to maintain China's neutrality."

STEAMERS STOPPED AT SHANGHAI.

It is stated that the commissioner of Customs has delayed the clearance of the steamers *Wachang*, *Taitan*, *Siehan*, *Methilda* and *Whampoa*. It is believed that this action has been taken in order that inquiry may be made owing to the protests of the Japanese Consul. It is also reported that these vessels are either loading coal in sacks or are intended otherwise to act in the interests of the Russians.

TO DAVOULE IN NEUTRAL WATERS.

A Vienna telegram says:—"The Russian Squadron of the Baltic Fleet and the St. Petersburg Government have exchanged telegrams several times. The St. Petersburg Government has given no definite order, it is believed, to the fleet. It is also believed in well informed quarters that the fleet will simply cruise on the waters where none of the Japanese fleet are likely to be found, and will pass their time and there will be no other action."

A SINGAPORE OPINION.

He would have the courage of little knowledge who would say where the "big battle" that men talk of so glibly is to come off, or whether there will be a "big battle" at all. It will be more likely an affair of the vapors' nest, says the *Free Press*, and the unlucky wayfarer, a running fight for perhaps one or two hundred miles at least. The waves coming in a looping off as they like. And a wisp said, that is, at Port Arthur—might happen any fine night to the Russians huddled close in the shelter of whatever French bay is now their particular fancy. It might not be a very serious dash. But it would not help the Russian nerves to keep any the steadier for what was to follow.

THE NEUTRALITY OF FRANCE.

JAPANESE PRESS COMMENT.

The Japanese Press regards with mingled feelings the question of French neutrality in the light of recent events. The *Yippon* declares that if the Anglo-Japanese Alliance really had the force to prevent a third party from assisting Russia, it is doubtful if the Baltic Squadron could ever have advanced into the China Seas. Great Britain has been acting in favour of Japan only within the limits of strict neutrality, while France seems to think that she may assist Russia even to the extent of violating her neutral obligations, if she can safely do so. In contrast with the *Yippon* the semi official *Kokumin* ascribes the satisfactory solution of the difference between Japan and France partly to the virtues of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. What influence Great Britain exercised over France is unknown, but it is to be remembered that it is due to the advice given by Japan's ally that prompted France to accept Japan's demand. Great Britain supported Japan's protest, and France did not wish to lose the goodwill of Great Britain. This fact shows the great efficiency of the alliance.

The *Yippon* thinks that should France again act in violation of her obligation, Japan may take certain measures without repeating her protests or entering upon negotiations.

The *Tokyo Nichi-Nichi* doubts if the reply of France to the protest of Japan against the accommodation afforded the Baltic Squadron was anything but a mere promise on paper, and urges that the Japanese must keep their eyes open and see that the promise is carried out.

More calmly, the *Osaka Asahi* remarks that the question of the violation of neutral obligations may be settled one way or the other but the present question is the plan of operation and the tactics of the Japanese Navy. There by a poor Annamite woman. No provocation is mentioned, but he kicked her in such a way that a serious hemorrhage ensued. Her state was very grave. "Brute!" was the *Courrier's* comment.

[From the *Chung Ngyoi San Po*.]

BANDITRY.

The number of robberies is by no means decreasing, though a large number of robbers were recently captured and despatched. On the 10th inst. a steam launch, leaving Sam Kong for Canton, having on board a great number of passengers, was attacked by pirates, while she was steaming near Kam Shun Chi. The booty carried away by them amounted to a large sum. On the 29th ultimo a gang of about two hundred robbers broke into a junks in Pan-a district and carried away spoils to the value of thirty thousand dollars. Two of the foks of the ship were taken as hostages. When they took their departure, they were completely hemmed in by the village people and the watchmen, all well armed, and a fight followed. The encounter lasted from mid-night till dawn when the robbers succeeded in breaking the siege and made their escape. About thirty robbers were killed and ten were taken prisoners. Of the village men ten were killed and wounded. Nothing has yet been heard of the two foks carried away as hostages.

A SICK VICEROY—TAXATION—ORIGIN OF CRIME.

Viceroy Shun has sent again a memorial to the Throne earnestly asking to be allowed to resign his viceroyship under the plea of sickness. He further says that he intends to visit Europe and America for a change of air and to ask the advice of some clever European doctors, and also take the opportunity to study the affairs, customs and the mode of government of different countries. In the same memorial, which is a very long one, he says that under present conditions and circumstances the robbers of the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi cannot be completely rooted out, as the high authorities, hardly pressed by the Peking Government to send annually a large sum of money to Peking to pay indemnity, debts and other necessities, are, therefore, compelled to impose taxes of every description against their will, and every sort of gambling, which is the principal source of giving birth to robbers, is allowed; gambling paying a large part of the revenue. Consequently the people require to live a very costly life, the prices of the necessities of life, which have already been heavily taxed, getting higher day after day. Moreover, the majority of the people, who are out of employment, can hardly obtain a livelihood. The industries and trade of China are now reaching a lamentable state, for the people draw the supply of various kinds of goods from foreign countries. He says that unless a sound government be re-established and every sort of gambling, especially Fan-tan, be strictly prohibited, peace can never be restored in the two Kwangs.

AFFLICTION.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday, Sergeant Gordon, of Tainchapo, charged a dumb Chinaman with using a boat without a licence. By signs and writing His Worship endeavoured to get the defendant to plead "guilty" or "not guilty," but he did not understand, notwithstanding the fact that when told to, he wrote his name at the Police Station. As His Worship could not proceed with the case until the defendant pleaded, and as there appeared to be no possible hope of his doing so, the police withdrew the charge.

SHIPPING.

P. & O. AT MANILA.

Passengers to Europe on the boats of the P. & O. Steamship Company will in the future be granted free transportation from Manila to Hongkong. The *Calcutta* says W. F. Stevenson and Company, the local agents of the company, received a notification to that effect on May 9th.

FIRE ON A STEAMER.

At 5.55 p.m. on May 5th fire was discovered on board the steamer *W. Cora de Vries* at the N.Y.K. Wharf, Shanghai. The officers of the vessel at once gave the alarm and took measures to prevent it from spreading. The origin of the fire has been traced to the spontaneous combustion of a case of matches. A few buckets of water were sufficient to put it out.

THE GERMAN S.S. "LYDIA."

As the German steamer *Lydia* was swinging out from the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf on May 5th, the strong tide that was running caught her by the stern and slowed her round on to a number of cargo boats with such force that the *Lydia* lost her stern and sank, while the steamer lost three blades of her propeller. She was taken to dock next day to have the propeller replaced by a new one.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. *Bengal* left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst., at 1 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 18th inst., about 6 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Richter*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 25th April, left Colombo on Saturday, p.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

The I.G.M. str. *Bayern*, which left here on Wednesday at 4 p.m., arrived at Shanghai on Sunday at 6 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Preussen*, which left here on Wednesday at noon, arrived at Singapore on Monday at 6 a.m.

The O. & O. str. *Doric* left Manila for this port at 6 a.m., yesterday, and is due here tomorrow at daylight.

The C.P.R. str. *Athenian* arrived at Shanghai at 6 p.m. on Sunday, the 14th inst., and left again at 4 a.m. on Monday for Hongkong, and is due here at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 18th inst.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, the 15th inst., and left again at 5 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 8 p.m. to-day.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s str. *Hyades* sailed from Manila for this port at 9 a.m. on the 14th inst., and may be expected here this evening.

The str. *Verona*, from New York, left Manila for this port on the 14th inst., and may be expected here to-day.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of an **EUROPEAN WARDMASTER**, which is now vacant in the Government Civil Medical Department of Hongkong.

Applications with certificates of character, etc., should be forwarded to the Principal Civil Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital not later than Noon of the 24th instant.

Salary, £110 a year rising by triennial increments of £20 to £150 a year, with uniform and free furnished bachelor's quarters.

Applicants must be under 35 years of age.

Principal Civil Medical Officer.

Government Civil Medical Department, Hongkong, 16th May, 1905. [1209]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1905.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 20th instant, to Saturday, the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1905. [1213]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

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MESSEURS. HUGHES & HOUGH have been instructed to sell by Public Auction

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Particulars and Conditions of sale may be had from the Vendor's Solicitor.

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And also of the Auctioneers, [1214]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 18th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1905. [1215]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS AND CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT

is now ready and contains—

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Leading Articles—

The Germans in Shantung.

The Naval War.

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Naval Comments.

The Riot Act.

The Chinese Diverger Empress.

Meat and Morals in the Far East.

Stirrers up of Strife.

Hongkong Jottings.

Supreme Court.

Some Notes Hongkong Helmsmen.

Frags East Reclamation.

The China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd.

Neglecting Duty.

A Cigar Factory in Hongkong.

Stranding of a West River Steamer.

The Shipping Water Supply.

Harbouring Beachcombers.

Movement for the Abolition of Judicial Torture in China.

Robbery at the H. K. & S. Bank at Kobe.

Yamen Underlings and Their Intrigues.

The Recent Pan-Asiatic Tremor.

Trouble in a Shanghai Cotton Mill.

The Mackay Strategy.

Manila Paying for Chinese Labour.

Craigswater Club "At Home."

Motor-boat for West River Traffic.

Balancer Notes.

Alleged Russian Spy at Singapore.

Miscellaneous.

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Hongkong, 16th May, 1905.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, MOJI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"EASTERN,"

Captain Ellis, will be despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst., at 10 a.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with Electric Light.

A fully qualified Surgeon and Stewardess are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamer of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1905. [1208]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"PALERMO,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 20th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1905. [1]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions from D. H. SILAS, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on

FRIDAY,

the 19th MAY, 1905, commencing at 2 p.m., at his residence "THE DEN" Castle Steps,

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

HATSTAND with BEVELED MIRROR, HALL and HOLTZ DRAWING ROOM SUITE, CHIFFONNIER with MIRROR, CONSOLE TABLE with BEVELED MIRROR, CARD TABLES, OCCASIONAL TABLES, ENGRAVINGS, MARBLE MANTEL CLOCKS, VASES and ORNAMENTS, &c.

MAROGANY EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MARBLE-TOP SIDEBORD with BEVELED MIRROR, DINNER WAGGONS with MIRRORS, LEATHER COVERED ARMCHAIRS and DINING CHAIRS, ICE CHEST and PUNKAH, &c.

BEAS: MOUNTED, DEERSTANDS, WARDROBES with BEVELED MIRROR, BUREAU with MIRROR, TOILET TABLE, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET SETS, &c., &c.

BATHROOM, PANTRY and KITCHEN REQUISITES;

Also

A Quantity of FINELY CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE;

A COTPAGE PIANO by COLLARD and COLLARD;

A Quantity of GAS FITTINGS, &c.;

And

A Large Quantity of PLANTS in POTS.

Trans—As Customary.

On View from Tuesday, the 16th May, 1905.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1905. [1192]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Action No. 95 of 1905.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

By Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong,

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

situate at

Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong,

on

THURSDAY,

the 25th day of May, 1905, at 3 o'clock p.m., at Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH'S SALES ROOMS, Des Vaux Road Central.

All that right of Equity of Redemption of and in all those portions of Marine Lot No. 225 which are registered in the Land Office as Subsections No. 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Section D of Marine Lot No. 225, and which said pieces or parcels of ground contain by measurement in the whole 5,742 square feet and are more particularly delineated on the plan thereof annexed to an Indenture of Assignment dated the 31st December, 1898, and registered in the Land Office as Memorial No. 18678 with the Deed of Assignment known as Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Land Office and Nos. 12, 13 and 14 of New Map of Street, Victoria, aforesaid and are held from the Crown for the Residue of a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years granted by a Crown Lease dated the 14th day of December, 1878. Annual proportion of Crown Rent, \$100.31.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES, and MASTER, Solicitors for the Plaintiffs in the above action, who have the conduct of the said Sale,

or to

Messrs. EWENS and HARTSTON, Solicitors for the Defendant Li Tang Pak, otherwise known as Li Po Lun, the Defendant in the said Action,

or to

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Dated the 13th day of May, 1905. [1204]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-TH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY in Alexandra Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at half-past Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from Monday, the 22nd instant, to Monday, 29th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1905. [1203]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOST.

THE CERTIFICATES of 76 and 360 SHARES standing in the Registrar of the Company in the names of ANTONIO OSORIO and TAM BON CHIU have been

LOST viz—

In the name of ANTONIO OSORIO:—

Script No. 330/332, 2129/2503 in scrip

of 25 " 75 Shares.

" 333 " 4329/4553 " 25 "

" 334/386 " 2824/2898 in scrip

of 25 " 75 "

" 387 " 4096/4220 " 25 "

" 389/391 " 3126/3500 in scrip

of 25 " 75 "

" 392 " 4096/4220 " 25 "

" 754 " 3321/3380 " 10 "

" 756/757 " 3331/3380 in scrip

of 25 " 50 "

" 317/320 " 18951/19150 in scrip

of 25 " 100 "

" 321/324 " 18951/19050 in scrip

of 25 " 100 "

" 325/328 " 19151/19350 in scrip

of 50 " 200 "

760 Shares.

In the name of TAM BON CHIU:—

Script No. 329/336 " 18551/19750 in scrip

of 25 " 200 Shares.

" 337 " 19751/19783 " 40 "

" 662 " 2356/23605 " 100 "

" 663 " 23606/23625 " 20 "

360 Shares.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

Duplicate Certificates for the said 1,150 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificates unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1905. [1198]

TO LET.

OFFICE ROOMS at Nos. 12 & 14, Queen's Road Central (Corner House); also

GODOWNS at Back. Can be let separately or wholly. Rent moderate, cheaper if the whole is taken on a long lease.

SEVEN BURGESS HOUSES, late F. Blackhead & Co. and Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Offices. Ground Floors and Top Floors with Godowns can be let separately on lease.

Apply to—

12 & 14, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [92]

TO LET.

EXYRE, unfurnished. Newly repaired, Painted and Colourwashed.

No. 4, BELLIOS TERRACE, 1st Row.

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No. 7, BEACONSFIELD AVENUE, Top Floor.

BISHOP'S LODGE SOUTH (Furnished) from 2nd June for 2 or 3 months.

" WESTWARD HO " Bonham Road, Ground Floor.

No. 1, DES VEAUX VILLAS, BUNGALOW (Furnished), at New Territory, Kowloon, 4 Rooms, low rental.

2nd FLOOR in Central position, containing Four Large Rooms, Anteroom and Lavatory, &c., with use of Electric Lift. Well-suited for Offices.

Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 26th April, 1905. [190]

TO LET.

NO. 11, GAGE STREET, Eight Rooms, from 1st June, 1905.

Apply to—

E. A. DE CARVALHO, 14, Arbutnot Road, Hongkong, 13th May, 1905. [1195]

TO LET.

NO. 12, KNUXTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 5th May, 1905. [1143]

TO LET.

TWO FURNISHED ROOMS with Board in a private family, for Two Gentlemen. Good and healthy position.

Apply to—

BOX 700, Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 12th May, 1905. [1190]

TO LET.

DUNHEVED 33, Robinson Road.

Apply to—

HO U. MING, 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 11th April, 1905. [953]

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PEPPERMINT	Per Dozen \$29.50
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and 20 other Varieties of FRENCH LIQUEURS from Messrs. MARIE BRIZARD & ROGER, of Bordeaux.

N.B.—All our Wines and Spirits are Bottled at Home, thereby ensuring to our Customers all the advantages according from bottling done at home under the direct supervision of the Growers and Distillers, as compared to bottling done in China by Chinamen at the service of European Firms.

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NOTICE.

WE have this day WITHDRAWN our POWER OF ATTORNEY in favour of Mr. Ernest J. Moss, the late Manager of our Foochow Branch, who is no longer in the employ of our Firm.

DODWELL & CO., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th May, 1905. 11173

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

TAKE NOTICE that I will not be Responsible for, as from the date hereof, any Debt or Debts contracted by my wife, ZAHARA MOOSDEEN.

A. R. MOOSDEEN.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1905. 11201

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY

DR. M. H. CHAUN.
7, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG
from the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1904. 61

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CHAMPAGNE GROWERS AND SHIPPERS.
Ship only the Finest Quality Extra Dry (Green Seal) LAUTS, WEGENER & CO., Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1905. 42

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Wm. PARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. 152

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MERCHANT NAVY
NAVY BOILED
LONG SLAY
RELIANCE CROWN
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6' 2" by 3' 6" Steel Wire Mattress \$5.50 each.
6' 2" by 4' 6" " " " 6.50
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Prices for Bedsteads and various sizes of Mattresses on application.

A. TACK & CO.,
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Hongkong, 26th April, 1905. 11703

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1905. 1101

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C. C. WHISKY,
Price ... \$10 Per Dozen.
Sole Agent—
KWAN TIE,
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Hongkong, 12th April, 1905. 1969

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EMBROIDERIES, LACES, SILKS, PONGRES,
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BLANKETS, TRENCHES,
BRONZ FURNITURE AND FANCY GOODS
No. 82, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Any Order Promptly Attended To
Hongkong, 12th January, 1905.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

RADIUM INFECTION—VARNISH OF OLD VIOLINS
—AN AUTOMOBILE TRAP—BLEACHED HUMAN
—A LIGHT MYSTERY—BIRD EATING SPIDERS
—A RECORD RAINFALL—TRADE IN HUMAN
FLESH—DANGER IN COMBS.

Laboratories where experiments in physics are made must now be guarded against a curious disorder—that of infection by radium. Several electroscopes lately made in the physics building of McGill University were discharged by natural leakage from 60 to 100 times as rapidly as similar instruments used in the same building two years before, and this extraordinary leakage continued when the electroscopes were removed to another building. The cause proved to be radioactivity of the raw materials. Other electroscopes were made in the chemistry building from other materials and discharged at the usual slow rate, and with these it was shown that the emanation from radium had infected every part of the physics building, even drawers and closets, and foil, iron, zinc, tin and other substances. It is calculated that if the emanation were now to be stopped by removal of the radium, the building would continue to increase in radio-activity for two or three years, the infection falling only one half at the end of forty years. Infection can be avoided by keeping radium in sealed vessels, and can be mostly removed by acid.

Varnish is found to have decided influence on the tone of violins, and it would be gratifying to know just what the composition is that covers a Stradivarius. In his new work, George Fry, F.R.S., deals with the Italian violin-varnishers back to the sixteenth century. He concludes that turpentine, linseed oil and nitrate of silver are more likely to have been the materials than any remarkable mixture gum, and by experiments with nitrated mixtures of resin and linseed oil he has given strength to his theory.

The duration of whooping cough is lessened by a German doctor from 35 to 15 days by the use of a solution of fluororform in water.

The novel detective apparatus of Major Lang, an English constable, includes an electric signaling mechanism and a non-magnetic chronometer, which are enclosed in a small box provided with holes for attaching two signal wires. It is designed for catching automobilists who are exceeding the legal speed. Its use requires three policemen, who are stationed along the street at measured intervals of a furlong. As a motor-car is heard approaching, A presses a button, signaling B, who holds the box, and B connects A with the watch. A again presses the button as the car passes his hiding-place, thus starting the watch, which runs until stopped by B as the vehicle reaches the end of the first furlong. A hasty calculation is made, and if it shows excessive speed, B presses a button, calling C, who rushes into the street in time to stop the law-breaking chauffeur. The device seems to have proven efficient, and on its evidence \$650 was paid in fines on a recent week.

The demand in Paris for very white bread has led to experiments in ozone bleaching. The flour was treated electrically, ozone being generated in the process, and bread of unusual whiteness was produced, but the changes in the flour induced the fatty substances rancid and partly oxidized them into acid substances, greatly impairing the taste and nutritive value of the bread.

Phosphorescence is still much of a mystery. The glow of phosphorus at ordinary temperatures has been variously explained, being thought by some to be an electrical phenomenon, but a French investigator has now shown that it is mainly or entirely due to the slow combustion of an oxide that forms on the outside and is more volatile than the phosphorus itself.

In plant forcing by electric light a foreign grower has found that red globes produce greater intensity of colour, and yellow globes a more delicate colour.

The arrival in London of a specimen of the bird-eating spider calls renewed attention to a little known insect that is more powerful than the famous Tarantula. It is the largest spider known, and in its tropical South American home it spins very formidable webs for catching humming birds and snakes instead of flies. When the enormously strong threads are spun across little-frequented roads they often strike the faces of travellers with great violence. The body of the spider is often three inches long and as large as a hen's egg, and its horrible aspect is increased by the long, hairy legs.

The heaviest rainfall of short duration ever recorded accurately is said to have been the recent one at Santiago de Cuba. An English engineer found the rate to be more than four inches an hour, and between seven and ten o'clock in the evening a total fall of more than a foot was registered by the gauge. The storm covered nearly 30 square miles, in places being even heavier than at the point where the measurement was made.

Among the new industries that have been developed by the exigencies of modern life, none is more surprising than that of supplying human skin. Experiments in grafting to cover extensive injuries have been so successful that there is considerable demand for live skin, and the London hospitals have long lists of men and women—not all of the very poor class—who are ready to sell their flesh when it is wanted.

The spontaneous ignition of ladies' celluloid combs has attracted much attention in Germany. Dr. W. Hermann has imitated the conditions under which such combs are exposed to heat when worn and finds that the temperature of the celluloid may rise to 212 deg. F., which is dangerously near the decomposition point of this material. Insulated by a bad conductor of heat, like hair or wool, there is great risk that celluloid will ignite when exposed to the radiation from a stove or lamp.

THE QUALITY OF NEWS.

The Japan Chronicle considers the telegrams in the Manila American to be of a most reliable character. On All Fools' Day the American subscribers had much news for wise cogitation. The most important was that headed "Dowager Prevents Tsar from Committing Suicide," followed by the ample details reproduced here—

San Francisco, 31st March.
Driven to a state of desperation because of the long series of Russian reverses, the internal disturbances in the Empire, and the attitude of certain of his Ministers when he has charged with the responsibility of bringing about the present sad condition of the country—these worries combined with a sickness which has recently developed to such an extent as to threaten an abandonment of his sovereign power, culminated in the Tsar making a deliberate attempt to commit suicide.

He means employed was a small dagger, and he was about to plunge it into his breast, when his mother, the Empress Dowager, diving in his intention, rushed to him in time to avert the tragedy. Before he could be disarmed, and while the Dowager and others were trying to calm him, at the same time seeking to obtain possession of the dagger, the Tsar inflicted a deep wound in his hand and immediately collapsed. He was carried to his apartments, where the Court physician dressed the wound and administered restoratives. Fears are entertained as to the monarch's sanity, and his every action is now being carefully watched.

The attempted suicide is reported from St. Petersburg from an authentic source, and later advices state that the Tsar's condition is regarded as most serious, as he persists in denying all knowledge of his attempt to take his life, and not even the night of his bandaged hand can recall the circumstances to his mind. The Tsar ought to be prosecuted by the Journalists' Association for persistently denying facts which are so well known in San Francisco.

MURDER ON A SHANGHAI WHARF.

A dastardly crime was committed at the Shanghai Hongkong Wharf in the early hours of May 7th. It appears that about 1.30 a.m. the boatman on the P. & O. S. *Socotra* heard a scuffle on the wharf and came down the gangway to see what was the matter. As he reached the wharf two coolies, one of whom had a heavy iron bar in his hand, brushed past him. The boatman suspected nothing until, a few steps further on, he tripped over the body of a coolie, lying in a pool of blood. He at once gave the alarm, and the police were communicated with, but the murderers had escaped, leaving no clue. The victim, who was dead when the police arrived, had a terrible gash in the skull, from which the brain protruded. He was a foreman on one of the wharves. Whelock & Co.'s fighters, which was moored to the wharf. Whilst it cannot be ascertained for certain what were the motives for the crime, there is reason to believe that the murdered man had about \$30 in his possession when he was killed, and as this is missing it is surmised that he was robbed by his assailants. The N.C. Daily News hopes that the perpetrators of this ghastly crime will not escape the consequences of their deed.

GARRISON ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,
HONGKONG, 15th May, 1905.
GARRISON ORDERS—Leave—No. 2. Leave of absence on private affairs to the neighbouring countries has been granted to Lieut. W. F. Helmore, 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment, from 16th to 30th May, 1905.

Indian transports—No. 3. With reference to Garrison Order No. 4 of 19th April, 1905, the R.I.M.S. *Dufferin* will leave Bombay on 7th June with the 41st Deccan and details for North China and arrives in Hongkong on the 29th June. Leaves Hongkong 21st June for Taku, arriving there 27th June. Leaves Taku with the 30th Punjab and details for India on 30th June, arriving in Hongkong on 6th July. Leaves Hongkong for Karachi on 8th July, arriving there on 24th July.

By Order,
E. A. Ross, Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

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A VEGETABLE MEDICINE FOR THE LIVER AND STOMACH.

The liver and stomach work harmoniously together, to change the food we eat, into blood, waste and tissue. The stomach supplies the gastric juice which digests the albuminous part of our food; and the bile from the liver completes the process of digestion by acting on the oils and fats. The digested food is then ready for conversion into pure, rich blood. When, however, the stomach and liver are out of order, there is not enough gastric juice and bile formed to completely digest the food and form new blood, and the undigested food wastes and irritates the delicate mechanism, and clogs the bowels. Doan's Dinner Pills stimulate the flow of gastric juice and bile, thus directly aiding digestion and helping in the making of new, life-giving blood. This medicine should be used by all who have such symptoms of liver and stomach complaint as these:—

Feeling of fullness, drowsiness and heaviness after meals; stomach pain; yellowness of the whites of the eyes; heartburn; indigestion; spots before the eyes; constipation; vomiting; changeable appetite; melancholy feelings; difficulty in breathing; tight feeling across the chest; headache; bad taste in the mouth.

Liver trouble will affect even the most remote part of the system, and Doan's Dinner Pills should be used whenever you have some unaccountable pain or uncomfortable feeling, as this medicine never fails to cure.

All the chemists and medicine-dealers sell Doan's Dinner Pills, price 1/4 for 1 box, or 6/ for 6 boxes; or the medicine may be had, post free on receipt of price, direct from the proprietors—the Foster-McClellan Co., 8, Wells-street, Oxford-street, London, England. [73-21]

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Apply—
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1905. 151

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FIRST-CLASS COOKING BY A FRENCH COOK.
Terms: \$3.50 per day.
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Hongkong, 13th January, 1905. 1602

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ROOMS, with Board.
Apply to Mrs. MATHER,
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PURE FRESH WATER.

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER-BOAT CO., LTD., is prepared to supply ANY QUANTITY of PURE FRESH WATER to the Shipping, both for Dock and Boilers.
Call Flag W.

J. W. KEW,
Manager,
1st Floor, 37, Connaught Road
Hongkong, 13th June, 1903.

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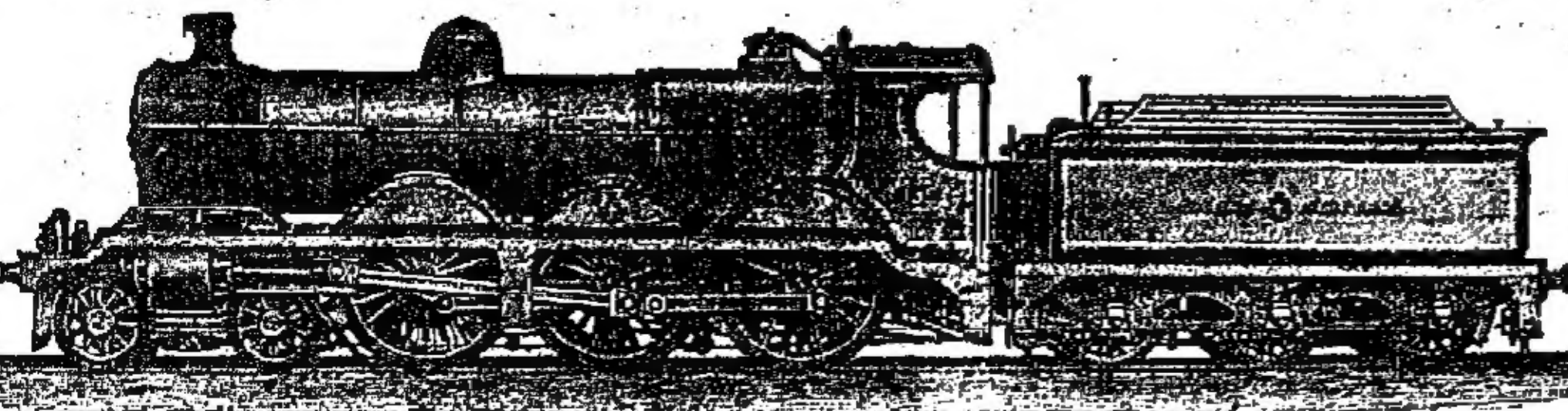
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